

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
Land Division  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

April 21, 2011

Board of Land and Natural Resources  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii

PSF No.: 11HD-054

Hawaii

Issuance of Revocable Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc., Ouli,  
Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii Tax Map Key: (3) 6-2-2: portion seaward of 4.

APPLICANT:

Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc., a Hawaii corporation.

LEGAL REFERENCE:

Section 171-55, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as amended.

LOCATION:

Portion of Government lands of Ouli situated at Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii,  
identified by Tax Map Key: (3) 6-2-2: portion seaward of 4, as shown on the attached  
map labeled Exhibit A.

AREA:

1,500 sq. ft., more or less.

ZONING:

State Land Use District:	Conservation
County of Hawaii CZO:	Unzoned beach adjacent to parcel with V-1.25 Resort Hotel zoning; also within Special Management Area

TRUST LAND STATUS:

Section 5(b) lands of the Hawaii Admission Act

DHHL 30% entitlement lands pursuant to the Hawaii State Constitution: NO

CURRENT USE STATUS:

Vacant and unencumbered.

CHARACTER OF USE:

Aerial fireworks display purposes.

TERM:

From 10:00 a.m. to 11:45 p.m. on Monday, July 4, 2011

RENTAL:

\$150.00 (10 cents per sq. ft. per day times 1,500 sq. ft.).

COLLATERAL SECURITY DEPOSIT:

None.

CHAPTER 343 - ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

See Exhibit B attached.

DCCA VERIFICATION:

Place of business registration confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u>  </u>
Registered business name confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u>  </u>
Applicant in good standing confirmed:	YES <u>X</u>	NO <u>  </u>

REMARKS:

Hawaii Explosive & Pyrotechnics, Inc. (Applicant) has requested a right-of-entry onto the subject land for purposes of conducting its 2011 Fourth of July aerial fireworks display at Kauna'oa Beach near the Mauna Kea Beach Hotel. The specific location of the fireworks display firing site is shown on Exhibit C attached.

Prior to 2009, staff issued rights-of-entry to Applicant pursuant to the authority delegated

by the Board of Land and Natural Resources at its meeting of September 28, 2001, Item D-4. Then in November 2008, Land Division instituted its permitting system for commercial activities on unencumbered State beaches. This system uses standard conditions that generally do not allow the placement of structures within the permit area. However, Applicant's fireworks displays require the use of firing racks and other equipment within the permit area. Accordingly, Applicant cannot secure the standard commercial beach permit for its fireworks displays. In such situations, Land Division is submitting the requested use of public lands to the Board for approval as a revocable permit. The Board has previously approved three revocable permits for aerial fireworks displays by this Applicant at the subject location (Board actions of December 11, 2009, Item D-8, and May 13, 2010, Item D-8, and September 9, 2010, Item D-5).

Applicant has not had a lease, permit, easement or other disposition of State lands terminated within the last five years due to non-compliance with such terms and conditions. A revocable permit is more appropriate than a long-term disposition in light of the single date requested for the fireworks display.

No comments were solicited from other government or community agencies because there is no change to the use of the area from prior years.

There are no other pertinent issues or concerns. Staff has no objection to the request.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board:

1. Declare that, after considering the potential effects of the proposed disposition as provided by Chapter 343, HRS, and Chapter 11-200, HAR, this project will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.
2. Authorize the issuance of a revocable permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. covering the subject area for aerial fireworks display purposes under the terms and conditions cited above, which are by this reference incorporated herein and further subject to the following:
  - a. The standard terms and conditions of the most current revocable permit form, as may be amended from time to time;
  - b. Review and approval by the Department of the Attorney General; and

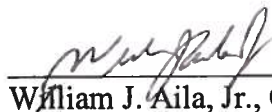
- c. Such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Chairperson to best serve the interests of the State.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin E. Moore  
District Land Agent

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

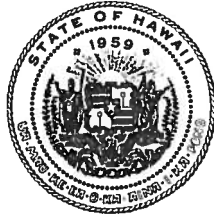


William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson



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**EXEMPTION NOTIFICATION**

From the preparation of an environmental assessment under the authority of Chapter 343, HRS and Chapter 11-200, HAR

**Project Title:** Issuance of Revocable Permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc.

**Project Number:** PSF No. 11HD-054

**Project Location:** Ouli, Waimea, South Kohala, Hawaii Tax Map Key: (3) 6-2-02: portion seaward of 04

**Project Description:** Fourth of July 2011 aerial fireworks display

**Consulted Parties:** None

**Exemption Class No.:** In accordance with the "Exemption List for the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources, as Reviewed and Concurred Upon by the Environmental Council (Docket 91-EX-2, December 4, 1991), the subject request is exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment pursuant to Exemption Class No.1, "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing [HAR § 11-200-8(a)(1)]."

**Exemption Item No. And Description:** Class No.1, "Operations, repairs or maintenance of existing structures, facilities, equipment or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion or change of use beyond that previously existing."

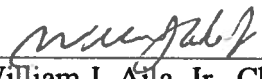

**EXHIBIT B**

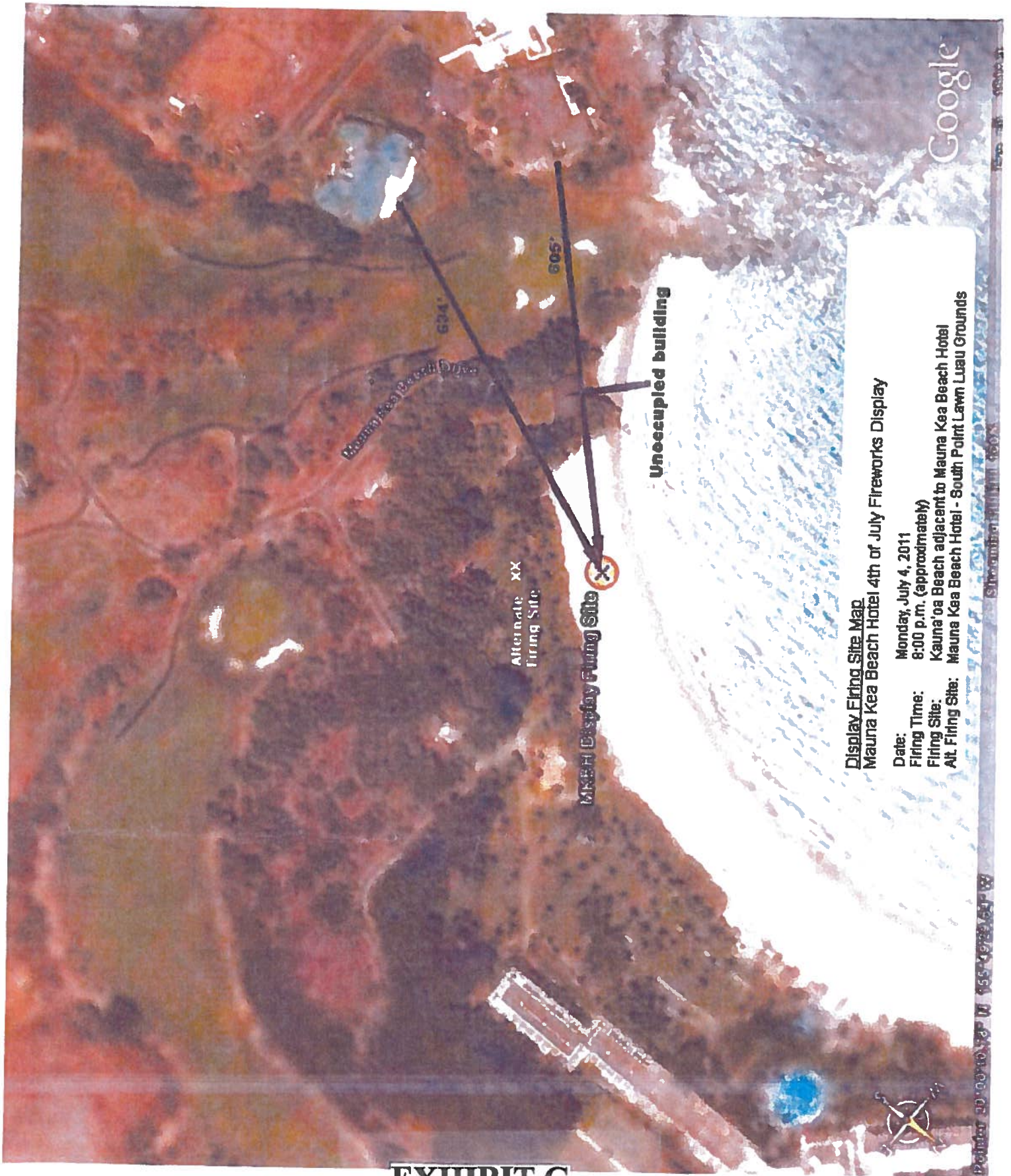
This exemption is appropriate because the permittee, Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. (HEPI) has requested the use of a small area for a single aerial fireworks display. The location has been used periodically for such displays in recent years without significant impact on the environment.

The grant of a revocable permit for the limited purpose will result in no material change or significant cumulative impact. If further actions are taken that result in a material change, HEPI will be required to be in compliance with Chapter 343.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Board find that the issuance of a revocable permit to Hawaii Explosives & Pyrotechnics, Inc. will probably have minimal or no significant effect on the environment and is presumed to be exempt from the preparation of an environmental assessment.

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William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson  
  
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Date



**Display Firing Site Map**  
Mauna Kea Beach Hotel 4th of July Fireworks Display

Date: Monday, July 4, 2011  
Firing Time: 8:00 p.m. (approximately)  
Firing Site: Kauna'oa Beach adjacent to Mauna Kea Beach Hotel  
Alt. Firing Site: Mauna Kea Beach Hotel - South Point Lawn Luau Grounds

**EXHIBIT C**